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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Director-Comptroller

THROUGH : Chairman, Intelligence Information  
Handling Committee  
Acting Deputy Director for Support  
Deputy Director for Plans

SUBJECT : Protection of Classified Documents

REFERENCE : Memorandum from Deputy Director  
for Plans to Executive Director-  
Comptroller dated 7 July 1971,  
same subject

1. This memorandum contains a recommendation for your approval; such recommendation is contained in paragraph 5.

2. Mr. Thomas H. Karamessines', Deputy Director for Plans, suggestion, as outlined in reference, to explore stiffening requirements relative to contractor clearances, need-to-know, storage facilities, and maintenance of bigot lists is well taken. At the present time, an overall security review of the number of Top Secret and compartmented clearances is being conducted within the Office of Security, both as they pertain to those clearances held by Agency employees and by contractors and consultants. The intent is to reduce the number of clearances, utilizing strict need-to-know criteria. The problem of storage facilities and the maintenance of bigot lists vis-a-vis contractor facilities is being examined by a Working Group composed of security professionals of the Office of Security.

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25X1 3. Mr. Karamessines' suggestion to also initiate a current review of the practice of permitting Clandestine Service reports to be passed on to contractors has been discussed with CIA members of the Support Staff of the Intelligence Information Handling Committee (IHC). It appears that through the years there has been a continuous, concerted effort to release fewer and fewer Clandestine Service reports to member departments and agencies of the intelligence community and to place greater controls on their release with the intent to reduce the number ultimately reaching contractors. The IHC Support Staff also notes that attempts by certain USIB member agencies and departments to permit such contractors as [redacted] to have access to a greater share of the documents of the intelligence community has consistently been resisted.

25X1 4. The discussion with the IHC Support Staff also noted that as a result of Mr. Karamessines' concern in 1969 over the number of Clandestine Service reports being passed on to contractors, the USIB Policy on Release of Intelligence to Contractors (USIB-D-39.5/19, dated 26 August 1963) was revised and strengthened, resulting in the present USIB document, USIB-D-71.8/2, dated 2 April 1970. The Chairman, IHC is willing to initiate another review of the policy paper on release to contractors, but lacks the necessary guidelines for such a review. Mr. [redacted] FI Staff, is thoroughly familiar with the USIB policy paper on information release to contractors and should be able to set forth those areas of concern which the DD/P would like to see revised and strengthened.

5. As a result of the discussions outlined above, it is recommended that the Deputy Director for Plans, or his designee identify those areas of concern in the USIB Policy Paper on Information Release to Contractors (USIB-D-71.8/2, dated 2 April 1970) which he would like the IHC to address.

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Director of Security


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Deputy Director  
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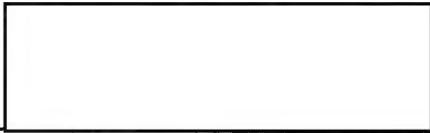
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The recommendation contained in paragraph 5 is approved.

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Executive Director-Comptroller

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